

### Sample email/Facebook message

I am writing about an issue of concern to me: Pedestrian safety in parking lots. Did you know that 22% of the pedestrian-related collisions in Montgomery County occur in parking lots? That adds up to 340 parking lot collisions with pedestrians over the past three and one-half years! Parking lots are danger zones. Why? Because drivers drive too fast and don't watch for pedestrians, and pedestrians don't look out for drivers and falsely assume drivers can see them.

Here are some things we can all do to reduce the risk of pedestrian collisions in parking lots:

#### **When You are a Pedestrian**

- Always stay alert for vehicles.
- Don't assume drivers see you.
- Watch for vehicles pulling out of parking spaces.
- Don't walk behind a vehicle that is backing out
- Be cautious and look around before walking out between parked vehicles.
- Treat the parking lot as you would a road – be aware and constantly look around for vehicles.

#### **When You Are a Driver**

- Parking lots are not speedways – slow down!
- Always stay alert for pedestrians.
- Don't assume pedestrians see you.
- Be especially cautious backing out of a space.
- Never cut across parking space lanes.

**Safety is your responsibility!**